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25X1 On 24 April 1951, an order was issued by the Chinese Communist authorities of Lant'sang (99-59, 22-35) concerning a Plan of Work for the suppression of counter-revolutionaries. The work outlined is to be done between the middle of April and the end of June 1951. The order is as follows:

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## a. Introduction

We have defeated the bandit Nationalist Government on the mainland and driven it away; but its reactionary foundation, composed of landlords and despots, secret agents, sects, and former soldiers, is still very strong. Their reactionary nature indicates that they are completely united.

Throughout the nation, a "resist the United States, aid Korea, protect your home, defend the nation" movement has been started. Now that a struggle has rapidly spread to the villages for land reform, reduction of rents, and return of land lease deposits, the plots and actions of evil secret agents have become more and more dangerous and harmful. Their actions include arson, assassination, rumor-mongering, bribing cadre members with money and girls, stealing our documents, destroying our governmental and economic structure, sowing dissension, plotting violence, and slipping in wherever they can. As the struggle moves out from concealment into the open and becomes violent, it will be counteracted by a determined nationwide movement for the suppression of counter-revolutionaries that is now being launched under the direction of our party's central committee.

Our hsien stretches for more than 800 li along the international boundary. Here, scattered over a wide area is a mixed population with no organization or drive. From the hsien to the village these people are basically under the control of the landlord class, the secret agents, and suspicious elements. Many cadre members, influenced by previous differences, have mistaken the true meaning and objective of our uniting; their class conceptions are badly blurred. Thus the enemy and we alike draw in our hands and feet; the masses cannot be aroused; landlords and despots pretend to be grand benefactors; our work becomes muddled; and people of the minority races fail to get real benefits.

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Therefore, the hsien committee, acting in the spirit of a directive from its superiors, has made arrangements for work from April to June as is indicated below. It is hoped that after this order has been carefully studied, it will be strictly carried out.

b. The Central Task.

Actively arouse the masses to suppress resolutely all counter-revolutionaries. See that the people surrender their guns and that they pay the grain levies. Determine to train cadre members so as to promote a clean political regime. Organize the masses first so as to establish a good foundation for a united local self-government.

c. The Frame of Mind for Suppression of Counter-Revolutionaries.

Approve of those who are good, or hate those who are bad. Those approved must be brought under the control of our policies. Of those hated, not a one may be retained. If one should be killed, kill him; if he should be controlled, control him; if he should be watched, watch him.

d. The Plans.

(1) Adopt uniformly the method of quick arrest and safe handling of secret agents, bandits, reactionary landlords and despots, heads of reactionary sects, counter-revolutionaries, former employees of the bogus Kuomintang, and all who plot riots or have engaged in rioting among the Hans. Quick arrest means sudden attack, catching all in one net; safe handling means to determine upon execution.

(2) There may be suspicious or actually evil characters among the minority people, but a workable base will still be found among the masses. There will be some whom the masses do not hate yet. They can be used for training purposes, for holding meetings and arousing the masses to complain, struggle, and eventually propose liquidation and execution by the government.

e. The Procedure.

(1) First Stage.

(a) From now to the end of April, organize a large number of work teams to send out to various places ostensibly to levy taxes. Their actual purpose will be to increase and extend the influence of the central inquiry group and to start a general propaganda campaign for suppressing counter-revolutionaries and collecting grain taxes. Sedulously determine what materials and guns possessed by any parties should be seized. Time arrests and seizures so that they may be made simultaneously by order of the commanding officer. See that all overtly possessed arms are surrendered.

(b) Hold a delegates' assembly of the representatives of all races in each district. Thoroughly instill the spirit of these delegates' assemblies into the tribal people of Lants'ang, Ningchiang, and Ts'angyuan. Promote the present central task, which is to emphasize racial unity, suppress anti-revolutionary elements, and prepare for the establishment of a united local self-government in order to achieve genuine racial democratic dictatorship. Under the slogan of protecting the home and defending the country, appeal for increased production and improvement in living.

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## (2) Second Stage.

- (a) Pass a resolution to commemorate the Red Festival in May. Start a movement to secure signatures to a demand for a Five Power Treaty with Japan; glorify the suppression of counter-revolutionaries with drums and banners; publicize the crimes of those arrested; arouse the masses; complain and appeal; demand liquidation as payment of blood-debts; organize peoples' courts; hold public trials and executions. By the end of May, those that should be killed will be killed; those that need to be resisted will be resisted; guns that should be surrendered will be surrendered.
- (b) Complete the work of suppressing counter-revolutionaries. Start grain levy propaganda; choose active elements; appoint an assessment committee; and begin to levy grain. Insist that all grain levies be in the granaries by the end of May.
- (c) Resolve to complete all the work outlined above. Train an active core of leaders. Cause the masses to acquire political consciousness and to obtain economic benefits. On a foundation of self-awakening, spontaneous desiring, and urgent demanding, press forward the organization of the masses.

## (3) Third Stage. Settle the remaining unpaid grain taxes; collect outstanding guns; vigorously push the suppression of counter-revolutionaries; stimulate movements for rent reduction; and return land-lease deposits against the Han landlords.

## f. Matters to be Attended to.

- (1) Incriminating material must be collected concerning counter-revolutionaries and offenders already arrested, in order to impress the masses and aid in the rapid spread of investigations. Reports on offenses and accusations must be turned in not later than 5 May. Promptness is absolutely required and no delay will be permitted.
- (2) All guns of landlords and rich peasants must be confiscated. The guns of other persons may be held, pending formation of a local militia when all guns must be turned in. Positively no guns are to be registered or taken from minority race members, except those taken from suppressed agents. Merchants should be required to secure guarantors and to have their guns registered. They should be kept under strict control by frequent inspection. Merchants who are also landlords must surrender their guns.
- (3) In addition to clearing out bandits and getting rid of secret agents, you must agitate for a struggle against despots. This type of struggle was used in seven interior regions to guard against excessively leftist popular behaviour, which might arouse communal, or tribal, solidarity and result in inter-communal, or inter-tribal, dissensions. All your efforts should be based on the union of all tribes and races. Your guiding principle should be advantage to national defense and favorable influence on minority people outside the country. You have no authority to handle the problem of activities of special agents among minority peoples until you have received a directive. Report at once to your superiors your ideas as to how to deal with these secret agents.
- (4) You may find some elements among the masses extremely well-suited for class struggle in places where Hans lived for a long time or where Hans and people of the I tribe live side by side. Rely on the poor peasants and hired peasants as the backbone of the class struggle. If middle peasants come in, organize a village authority and stress the forming of peasant societies and "protect the home, defend the country" service bands. Take care to prevent the admission of landlords, rich peasant scoundrels and vagabonds. Expand and strengthen in an orderly way. Organize "protect the

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home, defend the country" service bands where minority races live. Adopt resolutions by vote of the upper strata and instruct the lower strata. Make sure that the control of the armed partisans is in the hands of those who have participated in delegates' assemblies and who are most reliable politically. The partisans should be lead by men absolutely committed to struggle. Individual strugglers, whose political attitudes are uncertain, are to be educated as thoroughly as possible. If the results are unsatisfactory, see that such persons are gradually isolated. Do not fail to retain and strengthen your leadership and control.

- (5) Suppression of counter-revolutionaries is the chief work; but also complete the grain levy; effect the surrender of weapons; emphasize production; reconstruct the village authorities; build up home guards; deal severely with resisting soldiers; liquidate hoarded grain and property of rebels; advocate the signing of petitions urging the Five Power Treaty; persuade reactionary party groups to come over; call on old soldiers to admit past errors and be registered; and increase your understanding and control of the situation.
- (6) This is a long, fierce, complicated and exceedingly difficult struggle. Each responsible comrade should devise means to further instruct his cadre members, clearly draw class lines, and thoroughly eradicate the attitude of passiveness. Do not think that after you have got a grip on all these matters that everything is going to be peaceful.

Note: This may be communicated to reliable party and corps members in your districts and to cadre members who vigorously enforce the party line.

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Comment. "Hans" refers to the so-called pure Chinese, as distinguished from Manchus, Mongolians, Tibetans, or other races or peoples who reside in or are citizens of China.

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